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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: INCREASED THREAT OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISM

1. THE MILITARY REVERSES WHICH THE PALESTINIANS HAVE BEEN SUFFERING IN LEBANON AT THE HANDS OF LEBANESE CHRISTIANS AND THE SYRIANS HAVE INCREASED THE PALESTINIAN SENSE OF FRUSTRATION AND ISOLATION. MANY PALESTINIANS CLAIM TO SEE IN THE CURRENT SITUATION A CHRISTIAN-MOSLEM-ISRAELI-AMERICAN PLOT TO DESTROY THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT. THE LOSS OF FACE BY THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP) IN THE UGANDA HIJACKING CAN BE ASSUMED TO HAVE FURTHER ENHANCED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PFLP AND OTHER PALESTINIAN EXTREM-  
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IST GROUPS WILL TURN AGAIN TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST

OPERATIONS TO DRAMATIZE THE PLIGHT OF THE PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON AND DISRUPT EFFORTS FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE INFLUENCE OF SALAH KHALAF (ABU IYAD), THE SECOND IN COMMAND IN FATAH AND HEAD OF THE BLACK SEPTEMBER GROUP, HAS REPORTEDLY INCREASED IN THE PLO LEADERSHIP.

2. IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTORS, POSTS SHOULD REVIEW THEIR ANTI-TERRORISM PRECAUTIONS AND PROCEDURES. KISSINGER

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